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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ROC VICE FOREIGN MINISTER YANG

REF: BLANTYRE 995

1. ROC VICE FOREIGN MINISTER H.K. YANG NOW ON 29TH VISIT TO AFRICA ARRIVED MALAWI NOV 6 DEPARTED NOV 11. VISIT RECEIVED EXTENSIVE FRONT PAGE TREATMENT INCLUDING PICTURES OF YANG IN COMPANY OF PRESIDENT BANDA. YANG BROUGHT MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FROM GENERALISSIMO CHIANG. PRESIDENT PRAISED YANG AT MASS PUBLIC RALLY AND ASSERTED ONE REASON EX-MINISTERS REBELLED WAS HIS REFUSAL TO RECOGNIZE PEKING. YANG SIGNED NEW TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT EXTENDING ROC AGRICULTURAL MISSION FOR TWO YEARS. (NOTE: MISSION NOW HAS ABOUT 50 MEMBERS.)

2. YANG TOLD ME NOV 9 HIS VISIT AND MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BANDA WENT EXTREMELY WELL. PRESIDENT ASSURED HIM "AS I TOLD AMERICAN AMBASSADOR" MALAWI FRIENDSHIP FOR ROC WILL CONTINUE AS LONG AS ROC GOVERNMENT IN POWER. YANG CONSIDERS ROC POSITION HERE SOLID. ADDED HE DOES NOT BELIEVE MALAWI WILL FOLLOW OTHER AFRICAN STATES AND BREAK WITH ISRAEL.

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3. YANG SAID ROC HAS TRAINED OVER 50 MALAWIANS IN TAIWAN MAINLY

FOR SECURITY WORK ON LAKE INCLUDING FROGMEN. MALAWI CONCERNED OVER LAKE BECAUSE PRESIDENT DOES NOT QUITE TRUST NYERERE. FIFTEEN MALAWIANS NOW UNDERGOING TRAINING IN TAIWAN FOR PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL BODYGUARD. PRESIDENT AGREED TO SEND MALAWI TRADE DELEGATION TO TAIWAN HEADED BY MINISTER OF FINANCE MATENJE IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER.

4. COMMENT: WE AGREE WITH YANG THAT ROC'S POSITION HERE IS SOLID.
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